



Dear Supporter,

**SpayMart** will hold its 8<sup>th</sup> “**Stars and Strays**” **Spring Gala and Auction** on Saturday, May 15, 2010 from 7-11 P.M. This year’s event will be held at the Soniat-Duffosat Plantation House, home of Dr. and Mrs. Tim Pettitt. We will offer delicious food, an open bar , music and unique and exciting auction items. This yearly fundraiser provides a substantial percentage of SpayMart’s operating funds which allow us to continue to provide low-cost spay/neuter and adoption services for the homeless animals of New Orleans.

New Orleans has one of the largest homeless animal populations in the United States, an estimated 400,000 animals. Every year local animal shelters euthanize more than 35,000 companion animals. Recognizing the need for an alternative to unnecessary animal euthanasia , in 1999, Pam Casey and Lynn Chiche formed **SpayMart** , a local all volunteer based 501©3 nonprofit organization. Our mission is to address the issue of pet overpopulation by education and aggressive spay/neuter and adoption programs and to aid indigent pet owners.

Presently we are seeking donations of auction items. Your generous partnership in this effort will be gratefully acknowledged on our web site, in our newsletter and the evening of the gala. Additionally, we will document your donation in writing for your tax purposes. No outside firm solicits funds for our charity and every dollar raised goes to SpayMart.

To participate, please complete the donation form and mail or fax it to SpayMart. Please feel free to copy the form, which can also be downloaded from our website at <http://www.spaymart.org/docs/donation-form.pdf>.

**On behalf of the animals who will benefit from your kindness we thank you for being a part of this event. For more information you can call (601) 749-0268 or (504) 669-7600 (email: [lavaluv@cox.net](mailto:lavaluv@cox.net) auction questions only).**

**Most sincerely,**

**Lynn Chiche, President**